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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following new paragraph:

[0006] Preferably, the element is linked by means of a link to each wheel, the links being arranged to fold upwards on retracting the wheels. Both road and marine steering may be arranged to be operated simultaneously. The transversely mounted element may be a rack and pinion steering system. The flexible coupling means is preferably a push-pull cable and a bell crank means attached to the actuating rod. The actuating rod may be mounted in front of a steering column. The push-pull cable arrangement, comprising a cable slidable in a sleeve, is readily arranged so as to fit between body members and the vehicle power train with a minimum bending radius of 150 mm. In one embodiment, the cable is between 12 and 13 mm in diameter, whilst the outer sleeve of the cable is between 15 and 17 mm in diameters.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following new paragraph:

[0015] The rack movement is some 114 mm lock to lock, whilst the steering wheel has 2,3 turns from lock to lock. Mounted to rack arm 24 is bracket 26, to which is in turn mounted link rod 28; to the other end of which is mounted bell crank 30. Crank 30 is pivoted about pivot 32, and coupled to push-pull cable 34; which is slidably mounted in flexible casing or sleeve 36. The coupling between rack arm 24 and bell crank 30 is such that rod 28 is in front of steering column 20. This ensures economy of space.

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